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SUBJECT: DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE REPORT

REF: TEL AVIV 8203, TEL AVIV A-100

1. REFTEL INDICATES THAT WHILE THERE ARE DOCUMENTED REPORTS OF USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY ISRAELI OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES IN SUPPRESSING DEMONSTRATIONS, THERE ARE ONLY QUOTE CHARGES UNQUOTE OF THEIR USE OF TORTURE DURING INTERROGATIONS OF SECURITY SUSPECTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. REFAIR (I.E., MEMO BY CONGEN WHICH IT ENCLOSED) GOES SOMEWHAT FURTHER IN INDICATING CONGEN HAS FIRM KNOWLEDGE OF USE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURES AND BEATINGS DURING INTERROGATIONS, AND IT APPEARS CONGEN HAS VERIFIED ONE OF THESE BEATINGS LED TO DEATH, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONFIRM BEATING IN QUESTION OCCURRED DURING INTERROGATION AND NOT RIOT SUPPRESSION.

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2. IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT DEPARTMENT USE AS PRECISE LANGUAGE AS POSSIBLE--AND BE PREPARED TO SUBSTANTIATE IT--IN REPORTING ON THIS SITUATION TO CONGRESS. URGENTLY NEED BY IMMEDIATE CABLE POST'S CONSIDERED JUDGMENT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH CONGEN WHETHER IT CAN BE SAID THAT QUOTE TORTURE UNQUOTE HAS BEEN USED DURING INTERROGATIONS, AND IF

SO WITH WHAT ESTIMATED FREQUENCY, OR WHETHER MORE SPECIFIC
DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS WOULD BE PREFERABLE AND IF SO, HOW
DESCRIPTION MIGHT BE WORDED.
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